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SCABIES (The Itch)

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WHAT IT IS:

Extremely itchy skin infection, mainly in skin folds. Appears between fingers, on elbows, wrists, trunk, male genitals and female breasts. Usually spares face and neck. Many tiny blisters, scratch marks and small crusts. Transferred by direct contact or from under garments, bed clothes and during sexual contact.

HOW TO CURE IT:

1. Take a soap and water bath, then apply recommended emulsion from neck to toes, paying special attention to skin folds. Apply with the fingertips and rub in well.

2. In young infants and other patients with sensitive skin, a special cream is recommended.

3. Itchy skin may persist for some days after treatment outlined above. During this time keep baths short and lukewarm, use very little soap, keep clothing light.

HOW TO PREVENT ITS SPREAD:

1. Treat all persons in the home, and all at the same time.

2. After treatment outlined above, wash bedlinen, underclothes, pyjamas. Run hot iron over blankets.

RECOMMENDED TREATMENT:

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